

**St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church**

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Trinity Sunday



Congratulations

<i>Anne Clark</i>	<i>Graduate Bartow High School</i>	<i>New College of Florida</i>
<i>Maria Peoples</i>	<i>Graduate Bartow High School</i>	<i>University of South Florida</i>
<i>Alex Trimbath</i>	<i>Graduate Central Florida Aeronautical Academy</i>	<i>Polk State College</i>
<i>Jay Vogt</i>	<i>Graduate George Jenkins High School</i>	<i>Technical School</i>
<i>Nicholas Muir</i>	<i>Graduate Key West High School</i>	<i>College of the Florida Keys</i>
<i>Cara Fredericks</i>	<i>Graduate Masters University of South Florida</i>	
<i>Andrew Thompson</i>	<i>Graduate Masters University of Pittsburg</i>	

**The DOK Meeting will be this Sunday
after the 10:00am service at
11:10am. The meeting will be held in
the Scout Room.**



Attention All P.E.A.C.E. Members

**Celebration Party to discuss our
achievements and plan for the future.**

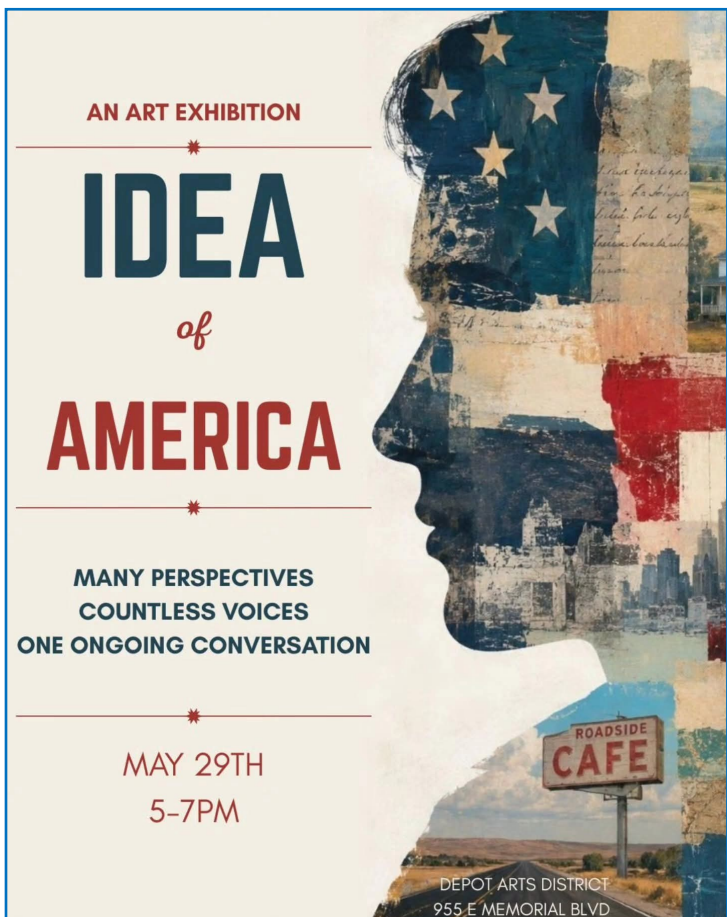
**Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:30pm.
Location: St. John United Methodist
Church, 1800 Cypress Gardens Blvd.
Winter Haven, FL 33884**



**St. Stephen's ...
To Love and Serve
God and Neighbor**



**2026-Betty Pratt, Juliana Walker, Karen Spiller
2027-Joyce Brock, Stephen Gaydosh, Jack Vonesh-Treasurer.
2028-Mary Roach, Helen Vogt, Mike Whitt, Jr Warden
Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski, Treasurer: Jack Vonesh,
Secretary: Karen Beasley, Office Secretary: Charlie Bradford**



VBS Spaghetti Dinner June 2nd 5-7pm

Spaghetti lovers, our monthly VBS Spaghetti Dinner is this Tuesday **5-7pm!**

For **\$7** you get a generous helping of spaghetti with meat sauce, a tossed salad, homemade garlic bread, and a cookie. Takeout available.

Please let us know if you can help with packing or distributing meals. Come out and support this fundraiser for our summer VBS program so it can continue to be free to all participants.



Summer Worship Schedule

May 31, 2026, 9:00am service in the Garden Chapel and 10:00am service in the Sanctuary.

The 9:00am and 10:00am services will continue throughout the Summer and will end in the Fall at a date that has yet to be determined. In an effort to stay on time, we will need volunteers to help take down the Garden Chapel electronics so that Father David and Deacon Doug can begin the 10:00am Service.

2026 Altar Flower Dedications

We invite you to honor loved ones or commemorate special occasions in 2026 by dedicating altar flowers. To reserve your date, simply pick up a dedication form and select from the available Sunday dates, which are clearly listed on a wall poster near your worship entrance.

Dedication forms can be found in both the Sanctuary and the Worship Center for your convenience. Please use these forms to reserve your preferred date and ensure your dedication is included in our worship services.

Seasonal Flower Needs

In addition to regular Sunday dedications, we are seeking donations of poinsettias and flowers for Advent and Christmas celebrations.



Welcome to our Church



Mark Your Calendar

May 24, 2026

Sanctuary 10:00am 88

Look for the bright yellow BUCK\$ 4 BUILDING envelopes to donate toward our out of budget building and grounds maintenance expenses.

If you are new to St. Stephen's or if you would like to have Fr. David contact you, please fill out a Newcomer Card and place it in the plate and we will see that you are contacted. God Bless.

05/31/26 Summer Schedule Begins
9:00am Garden Chapel,
10:00am in Sanctuary

06/01/26 P.E.A.C.E. Celebration

06/02/26 VBS Spaghetti Dinner 5-8pm

06/06/26 St. Stephen's Yard Sale
8:00am—1:00pm

06/15/26 Staff Meeting 10am

06/16/26 Vestry Meeting 6pm

06/18/26 Lunch Bunch Fred's

06/21/26 Father's Day

06/22/26 VBS Kick-Off

06/26/26 VBS '26 Closing

St. Stephen's Yard Sale – Save the Date!

Date: Saturday, June 6, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

We will be accepting donations on **Thursday, June 4th and Friday, June 5th** with setup taking place on Friday. **We need Volunteers to help set up on Friday.**

Come out and enjoy:

I DON'T CARE WHAT
THE PROBLEM IS.



BAKING IS THE
SOLUTION.

- A wide variety of yard sale items
- Food booth outside featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks
- St. Stephen's Famous Bake Sale

Help make our upcoming Summertime Church Yard Sale even sweeter! We are looking for donations of delicious, homemade baked goods (cookies, brownies, quick breads, etc.) to sell at our bake sale table. Please drop off your items at the church kitchen by Friday, June 5th. Thanks so much for your help and continued support!

Verse of the Week: Matthew 28:20

Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.



**Flowers on the Altar are Given by Frank and Sue St. Amour in
Thanksgiving for Their Wedding Anniversary**



<u>June Birthdays</u>	<u>St. Stephen's Prayer List</u> <u>(Parish Members are in Bold)</u>	
1 Tricia Walker	Prayer Needs: Amy (Fr. Scott's Daughter), Lou Alers, Kim Birmingham (from Scout Troop 106), Charlie Bibb (Season Barham Hodges' Father in Law) Shannon Black (from Kathy Leahy), Louis Bloodworth , Elizabeth Bradford (Charlie Bradford's sister), Rachel Blackwell (Karen Spiller's daughter-in-law), Jim Bowen, Betty Calhoun, Stephen Calhoun , Deborah Cameron, (Lee Carter's ex-Wife) Italo & Janet Casini , Roz Coleman (Althea Nye's friend) Jim Cross , Annie Delling, Cathi DiGigiacomo, (Michele Giberson's Aunt) Roger Doyle , Laurie Dresser (David Dresser's sister), Lily Dresser (David & Patricia Dresser's granddaughter , Stacy Englert , Laurens Flanagan (Sally Flanagan's Daughter in Law), Ricky Morrison, Becky Sue Morrison (Stacy & Michael Englert's Friends), Angela Grilli (Althea Nye's friend), Jim Heal , Bob & Kay Henry (friends of Betty Calhoun) Nicole Hernnkind (Karen Spiller's sister), Kevin Jackimowicz , Ken & Clair Jones (Roger Doyle's friends), Kay Jordan (Judy Elam's friend), Father Robert Keller, (Kathy Leahy's friend) Karen Kent (David Dresser's Relative) Cynthia Krempel (Janice Olson's sister), Minnie Lewis (Sally Flanagan's Sister in Law) Trudi Lithgow , Mary & Adrian McAleer (Liz Barham's sister & Brother in Law), Donna McLemore , Raelyn (daughter of Sue DeMan's friend Stephanie), Mary Peoples , Al & Lucille Pfund, (Lula Peoples' co-worker), Janell Repsher, Roy Reynolds , Glen Richardi , Donna Roberts (David Dresser's sister) Art & Bonnie Rowbotham, Shirley Rumpel, Carla Sauve , Sheryl Short (Tropical Doll Club), Ed Silveira (David Dresser's Cousin), Karen Spiller , Lynn Staffier (from Kathy Leahy), Carol Starling, Marion Stewart, Helen Vogt, Dailia Walker, Meg & Rhys Wallace, Lynn Whitt, Lindsay Zielinski. Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn	
2 Beverly Meyer,		
3 Kayla Blackwell		
4 Renda McNeill,		
5 Joanne Gunner		
6 Hayley Naples		
7 Tom Kempinski		
8 Liz Barham		
9 Jo Willey		
10 Melissa Palmer,		
Carrie Peoples		
16 Italo Casini		
Thomas Negus		
18 Thomas Peets		
20 Wendell Hunt,		
Susie Stewart		
23 Patricia Dresser		
27 Karen Spiller		
<u>June Anniversaries</u>		
1 Wendell & Donna Hunt		
Frank & Sue St. Amour		
2 Walter & Janell Repsher		
Gary & Allison Westberry		
Art & Bonnie Rowbotham		
8 Joe & Robin W. Adams		
Troy & Sue DeMan		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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